



# District 26 Newsletter

## Brent T. Ackerson, Councilman



WINTER 2010

Dear Friends and Neighbors of the 26th District,

2009 was a very challenging year for your Metro Council Office. As with any changing of the guard, there has been a transition period in Metro 26, where new leadership and new staff adjust to the challenges of government, its democracy, and handling the daily operations of the office. I want to extend a special thank you to Ellen Call and Leah Pepper for their years of service to our District. As with any new elected official, I try everyday to improve the services I handle for you. I am committed to continue to work daily to more efficiently and productively serve you.

Since taking office in January 2009 we have worked hard to deal with our City's budget shortfalls, while still delivering the services you need and deserve. I have tackled tough issues and have not been afraid to take on controversial matters. I believe that as your elected representative, I owe it to you to not shy away from controversy, but to take it head on for the greater good of our community.

As promised to you on the campaign trail,

- I took on the Courier-Journal and other distributors to stop the throwing of unsolicited printed materials into your yards and driveways (those little green bags stuffed with advertisements).
- I have worked to improve public safety.
- I have worked to engage and empower our neighbors to take active roles in our community.
- I have built sidewalks, improved our parks, and our quality of life in Metro 26.

I hope that you will take the time to fill out and send back the Survey card attached herein so I can continue to work to improve our community. I hope that you will make note of the upcoming community meetings and attend them. I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and look forward to working with you to better our City and the lives of our residents.

Sincerely,

BRENT T. ACKERSON

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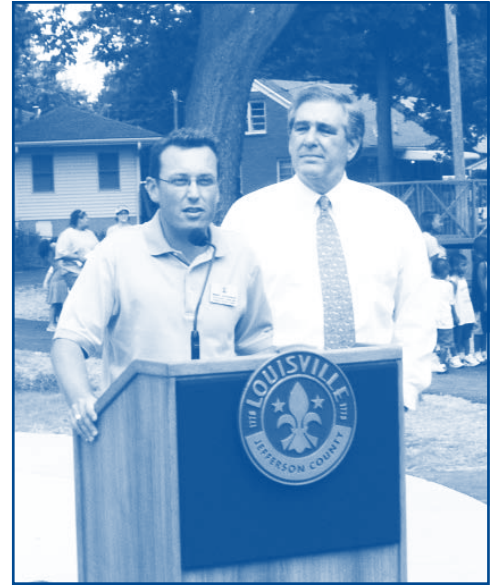
# Farnsley Park Renovations

Councilman Brent Ackerson was very pleased this past July with the reopening of Farnsley Park in the Bon Air - Highgate Springs area. Farnsley Park was established in 1955 and named for former Mayor Charles P. Farnsley, who served from 1948 to 1953. Eight years after the park was established, Farnsley was elected as Louisville's congressman. The park is located between Wedgewood Way and Commander Drive.

More than \$260,000.00 has been spent on renovations to the park including \$100,000.00 in 2009. The renovations include new walkways, a drinking fountain, and playground equipment, along with a redesigned

tennis court. However, the big draw is the new Splashpark which Councilman Ackerson and Mayor Abramson helped open on July 24th.

"All these improvements will make Farnsley Park a family and neighborhood destination," Abramson said at the reopening. "The work we've done here is just one example of the improvements we're making throughout Louisville's parks, as part of our City of Parks initiative." Councilman Ackerson added "I know my constituents will enjoy this great park, and I look forward to working with them to continue making improvements to it."



## We need your EMAIL address.

We will be restarting our weekly email blasts soon. Please send us your name, address, and email address to receive the weekly email blasts to keep you up to date on what is happening at City Hall.

Email your information to:  
[brent.ackerson@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:brent.ackerson@louisvilleky.gov)

## UPPER HIGHLANDS SWIM CLUB

Seeking Memberships  
Upper Highlands Swim Club

2413 Parkdale Avenue  
off Lynnbrook near Ascension Church  
(502) 459-7371 (in season)  
Mailing Address  
P. O. Box 20234  
Louisville, KY 40220

## HIKES POINT OPTIMIST COMMISSIONER RIPKEN BASEBALL LEAGUE SIGNUPS

Saturday January 30th,  
10:00AM-1:00PM

Sunday January 31st,  
2:00PM-5:00PM

Meredith-Dunn School  
on Melbourne Avenue

# 26th Metro Council District Survey

Dear Resident:

Please take the time to answer these few questions. Your opinion is important in how we spend the limited resources we presently have in our Metro government. Clip the Survey, enclose it in an envelope, and mail it to: COUNCILMAN BRENT ACKERSON, 601 W. Jefferson Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202. Thanks.

-Councilman Brent Ackerson

Please comment on the following Metro facilities and what improvements would interest you at these facilities:

1. FARNSLEY PARK, Commander Drive & Wedgewood Way: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. DES PRES PARK, Lowe Road at Green Pine Drive: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. BON AIR LIBRARY, Del Rio Place at Mina Terrace: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. ST. MATTHEWS/ELINE LIBRARY, Grandview Avenue at Fairfax Avenue: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Finally, feel free to add any comments on other matters: \_\_\_\_\_

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## A Message From Major Kevin Greenwood LMPD 6<sup>th</sup> Division

5600 Shepherdsville Road • Louisville, KY 40228 • (502) 574-2187

The goal of any good police agency is not only crime control but also crime prevention. Louisville Metro Police and the officers of the 6<sup>th</sup> Division are committed to this strategy. The crimes that affect the residents of the 6<sup>th</sup> Division the most are property crimes. Burglary, stolen automobiles and thefts from automobiles continue to be a challenge for our community.

An important item related to crime prevention is when items are stolen from automobiles. Many of these thefts could be avoided by keeping in mind the following tips:

- \* Keep your vehicle locked.
- \* Keep your vehicle in a garage when possible.

- \* Secure your valuables in your trunk or home. Never leave items visible.
- \* Install or utilize a vehicle alarm system.
- \* Park the vehicle in an area that is well lit.

The division has a District Resource Officer that can come to your home or business and perform a free crime prevention survey. Simply contact the 6<sup>th</sup> Division at 574-2187 to set up an appointment.

Most importantly, the officers of the Louisville Metro Police Department cannot fight crime alone. The best security system in a neighborhood is

one in which the residents look out for each other. Please report any suspicious persons or activity on or around your property. You may contact the dispatch center at 574-2111 to have an officer respond to your location. In case of an emergency, please dial 911.

Census Day is April 1, 2010  
Be Sure and Be Counted  
Ten Questions - Ten Answers

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## Sidewalk Projects



Councilman Brent Ackerson is pleased to have sponsored three sidewalk projects this year. The first one was on Winchester Road in the Broadfields subdivision. While campaigning for office in 2008, several

residents of this area remarked on the sidewalk ending at Thompson Avenue. Councilman Ackerson worked with the Mayor's Office in securing funds to complete the sidewalk to Cannons Lane.

The second project will be to connect the sidewalk at Cannons Lane and Winchester Road to the existing sidewalk on the east side of Cannons Lane south to Interstate 64. The ultimate goal is to have a circle of walks connecting Cannons Lane, Dutchmans Lane, Breckenridge Lane, and Winchester Road.

Councilman Ackerson is very excited about a new sidewalk on Goldsmith Lane. For many years, residents along Goldsmith Lane have gone without a connecting sidewalk. Councilman Ackerson will be appropriating funds to construct a sidewalk along the north side of Goldsmith Lane between Ada Lane and Bon Air Avenue. This will

encourage residents to walk between their neighborhoods up to the Bon Air Library and the Bon Air Shopping Center, as well a connector to the renovated Farnsley Park. Construction for this new sidewalk should begin later in the Spring.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS 26th District Schedule of Events

Leadership Council Meeting, ..... February 6th  
Advisory Council Meeting ..... March 13th  
SPRING TOWN HALL MEETING ..... April 23rd  
Leadership Council Meeting ..... May 15th  
Primary Election Day ..... May 18th  
Advisory Council Meeting ..... June 12th  
SUMMER NEWSLETTER ..... July  
District Picnic at Farnsley Park ..... August 14th  
Leadership Council Meeting ..... September 11th  
Advisory Council Meeting ..... October 9th  
General Election Day ..... November 2nd  
FALL TOWN HALL MEETING ..... November 13th  
No Meetings During the Holidays